

GRAND LODGE A.O.U.W.

Annual Session Opened in the Workmen's Hall Yesterday Morning.

Reports of the Officers and Committee Received and Discussed - Conclusion To-day.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of British Columbia opened in the society's hall, Yates street, yesterday morning and continued throughout the evening.

Grand Master Workman Alexander Stewart presided and besides the grand officers the following representatives were in attendance: Geo. Gawley, A. M. Bullock, Vancouver, A. M. Fraser, New Westminster, M. W. Minihorn, New Westminster, J. No. Hilbert, Nanaimo, D. Daley, Nanaimo, J. W. Fleming, Spring Ridge, Victoria, T. H. Trahey, Victoria West, Thos. Houghton, Trail, J. Irving, Vancouver, H. Benson, Delta, Nelson Carter, Port Haney, E. Weddell, Kelowna.

The morning session was occupied in receiving the reports of the committee on credentials and the Grand Master and the supreme representatives, the latter being referred to the committee on distribution.

The afternoon session opened at 1:30, when the reports of the officers for the present year were considered and duly passed. Considerable discussion took place on the suggestions contained in the Grand Master Workman's report in reference to the employment of a grand organizer. Finally the matter was laid over for future discussion.

The question of extra hazardous risks was also discussed and the reports of special committees were done up in the evening. The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. to meet at 8 p.m.

The evening session commenced at 8 p.m. The report of the committee on laws was the first question taken up and other matters of vital importance to the order were discussed during the evening. After which the meeting adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-day.

Mr. Jones will photograph the Grand Lodge officers tomorrow.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen are doing good work in British Columbia during the last year have been the means of saving property from the homes of many of its members, who have died and had it not been for the distribution of the money...

NATIVE SONS ORGANIZE.

Constitution Adopted at a Very Largely Attended Meeting Last Evening.

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The society has been formed on the lines of the Native Sons of the Golden West, which has done so much to unite the sons of the pioneers of California.

FRENCH CANADIANS ARRIVE.

A Party of Forty-One Reach Victoria and Will Outfit Here.

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The following committees were appointed: Messrs. A. E. Woods, D. C. Weaver and J. Irvine, Finance-Messrs. J. E. Church, Alex. Stewart and W. Scowcroft.

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CLOSE WATCH ON MCKINLEY.

When Away From Washington He is Always Guarded by Detectives.

The care with which President McKinley is guarded when away from Washington is known to only a few people in the country. The silent, observant men who are assigned to protect the chief executive naturally make no display of their business, and the chances are that the President himself knows not who some like him, Chief Wilks, of the security division, who is riding along a crowded thoroughfare.

The men who do this work are from the secret service bureau. Nobody at the White House asks for them, as the President would probably be angry if he learned that anyone thought he had to be protected from a people who love him.

Up to the time of the war with Spain, not so much care was taken in guarding the President. He was in the streets without a detective or policeman in sight. He does so in Washington yet, as the chief of the secret service division, who is riding along a crowded thoroughfare, always aware of the President's intention to take an unexpected ride or walk. The war with Spain, of course, increased the possibilities that some crazy Spaniard or Spanish sympathizer might watch an opportunity to do the President harm on some of his visits out of the city.

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Cranks who go to the White House on any business nearly always tell their stories to the doorknocks or ushers at the front door, or before reaching the second floor, if they manage to get through the cordon of watchful men on the first floor they are forced to tell somebody what they want, and that exposes their purposes.

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REGARDING PILOTAGE.

Many Shipping People Hold That It Should Still Be Compulsory.

Conditions as They are "Over the Sound"—District Consolidation.

The question of whether pilotage service shall or shall not be compulsory in British Columbia is one which has for years agitated those identified with the shipping interests of the province.

MR. BOSTOCK'S LIBERALS. Not So Numerous in Nelson as Might Be Nor Yet So Unanimous.

From the Nelson Tribune. The annual meeting of the Nelson Liberal Association was held last evening in the Hotel hall for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

There was a lively contest for the office of president. The candidates were W. A. Gallinger and Dr. Alexander Forin. The contest appeared to be a close one, and whether or not the changes made in the present city government were desirable or not, the election of Forin as president was not unexpected.

PLACE MAKING BY PERJURY. Sample of Influences Moving Liberal Government to Dismiss Old Officials.

From the Ottawa Citizen. The dispatches recently announced that sentence had been passed upon J. M. Skelton, of Battledore, for perjury, condemning him to two months' imprisonment.

BLEW THIRTY THOUSAND. New York Cashier Turned to Strange Women and Has Left His Home in Mourning.

New York, March 8.—Experts in accounting the books of Herbert W. Smith, cashier for Edwin Gillies & Co., coffee importers, at 249 Washington street, claim to have discovered that the cashier had stolen \$30,000 from the firm during the last two years.

DANGERS OF THE SEA. Pleasure Party Lost Off French Coast—Mate Drowned While Effecting Rescue—Cargo Afire.

Brest, France, March 8.—News has reached here of the capsizing of a pleasure yacht off the Brittany coast, drowning nine persons, among them five French military officers.

WASHINGTON STATE. Smallpox Scare in Spokane—Tacoma Rounds Up Vagrants—Power House Engineer's Misturture.

Port Townsend, March 8.—A scarcity of water which has materially interfered with construction work at Point Wilson will be obviated. The government has entered into a contract with the recently organized Spring Valley Water Company, of this city, for the furnishing of ample water for all needs of the 100 men at work there.

KIPLING AND THE PEERAGE. An Interesting New Story in Place of the Daily Bulletins.

New York, March 8.—Rudyard Kipling's health continues to mend slowly. So far beef tea is his only diet, and nothing will be added until improvement in his condition will permit. He has not been told of the death of his daughter, Josephine, since he came to America, and she is quietly recovering.

BEIJING'S SICK QUEEN. Nature of the Malady Kept Secret, but Her Condition Said to Be Much Worse.

London, March 8.—The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the greatest secret is maintained as to the Queen's malady, and that the sentimental person who attempts to enter the precincts of the palace, asserts that the condition of the Queen has grown worse.

Railroad Kidney.

A Disease Peculiar to Railroad Men Which is Promptly Cured by Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

Did it ever occur to you that most railroad men die from kidney disease?

The first and most marked symptom is weight, lame or aching back. You may not be able to sleep, but you are only tired, but you increase day by day, dizziness, headache, all its terrors, is fast claiming you as a victim.

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Ladies Tell Each Other of the comfort and security afforded to them by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Headaches and Backaches that come expectedly or unexpectedly are charmed away, and the rich, red blood made by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People shows itself in the rosy cheeks and clear, bright eyes of those who use them.

IN A DECLINE. Mrs. W. Goodwin, Argyle Sound, N.S., says "After the birth of my first child I was in poor health and unable to recover my strength. I had a severe pain in my left side and lung, which almost made it impossible for me to breathe."

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS FOR PALE PEOPLE. The wonderful success of this remedy has led to many attempts at imitation and substitution, but these never cured anyone. Refuse any package that does not bear the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." Put up in packages that look like the engraving on the right, the wrapper printed in red ink.

The School Superintendent Act Hereafter as to the Board of Education. An Assistant Allocated Monthly—A Self-Project. Primary Schools for Afternoon—A Quota of Salaries. The board of public health held an interesting two-day evening, in the city office of secretary of health, when the duties being assumed by...